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SIR:

In keeping with the duty of candor and good faith owed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, applicant wishes to make record the items on attached PTO Form 1449. A copy of the items is provided in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

U.S. Pat. No. 427,787 to McNelly discloses a wire-stretcher which includes a bed-piece A on which is erected a vertical frame B. Inclined anchor-pins d are provided on the under side of the bed-piece A. The vertical frame B is held in place by a stay-rod E. The stay-rod E is made taut by a strut l. A windlass is mounted on one side of the vertical frame B. The windlass includes a shaft m, a pair of circular serrated flanges n and o which are keyed on the shaft m, and a crank p. A stout rope w is attached at one end to the windlass and is provided at the other end with a hook for seizing the fence wires x.

U.S. Pat. No. 717,616 to Price discloses a wire-stretcher which includes a frame a composed of two opposite and parallel side posts 1 which are secured together by a cross-piece 2 and two opposite inclined bars 3 secured together by a cross-piece 4. A spindle b is mounted to the frame a. A spool c is mounted to the spindle b.

U.S. Pat. No. 775,931 to Ott discloses a clothes-line holder and tightener which includes a reel and an attaching plate. The reel comprises a hub 20 to which is secured at each end a star-plate 21. On one end of one of the arms of one of the plates 21 is

secured a handle 22. A spindle 23 is secured to the attaching plate 12. A set of poles with a line on the reel is provided with the reel attached to one of the poles.

U.S. Pat. No. 1,014,035 to Belk discloses a wire-stretcher which includes a triangular shaped frame 1. Vertical beams 8 rise from bars 3 of the frame 1. Angularly arranged beams 10 and 11 brace the vertical beams 8. The vertical beams 8 are connected by a transverse tubular member 12. A combined winding drum and ratchet 13 is provided which is mounted on a shaft 14. The combined winding drum and ratchet 13 is provided with a central portion about which a winding cable 17 is wound.

U.S. Pat. No. 1,117,313 to Blakley discloses a device for stretching wires which includes a beam 1, a spike 2, pivotally connected legs 4, a short shaft 5 which passes through the beam 1, a sprocket wheel 7 which is rigidly secured to the short shaft 5 on one side thereof, a ratchet wheel 8 which is rigidly secured to the short shaft 5 on the other side thereof, a sprocket chain 10 which passes on the sprockets of the wheel 7 and is connected to a wire, and a crank 11.

U.S. Pat. No. 1,210,261 to Begneaud discloses a wire-stretcher which includes a frame A of an A-shaped construction having limbs 5 being rigidly connected together at one end and a cross piece 7 bracing the limbs 5. A handle 8 projects from one end of the frame A. Pointed ends of the limbs 5 are adapted to be embedded in a stationary support such as a post B. A ratchet wheel 17 is fixed upon a shaft 16'' which is journaled to cross piece 7. The teeth of the ratchet wheel 17 are adapted to be engaged by means of a pawl 18 pivotally associated with a handle 19. A pulley 22 is secured to shaft 16'' and is rotatable therewith.

U.S. Pat. No. 1,435,059 to Franzen discloses a fence-wire stretcher which includes a base member 10, one or more intermediate members 11, an upper member 12 and a stretcher head 13. The stretcher head 13 is provided with a drum 14 and a reel 15 with cross heads 16. A hand crank 21 is provided. Extending from and pivotally mounted as at 30 upon a platform 31 at the upper end of

the base member 10 are downwardly divergent brace legs 32 adapted to be forced at their lower extremities into the ground.

U.S. Pat. No. 3,361,411 to Reigh discloses a portable winch which includes a winch 14 having a line 16 and a crank handle 18. The winch 14 is fixedly secured to an upstanding base 20 which is attached to body member 22.

U.S. Pat. No. 3,717,327 to Schmidt et al. discloses a fence post with a fence wire tensioning mechanism which includes a corner post P1 and an end post P2. Wire meshes T1, T2 are tensioned between the posts P1, P2. The post P1 consists of two metal channel sections 5a, 5b, a base plate 6 and two diagonal struts 9, 10 having base plates 11, 12. The post P2 consists of a metal channel section 5c, a base plate 13 and a diagonal strut 14 having a base plate 15.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,649,690 to Kilmer discloses a movable fence post system which includes a base member 12, a post 14, anchoring devices 16 and an angled brace 18 connected between the base member 12 and the post 14. Plurality of wires 86 are connected to the post 14. Winch 88 may be attached to the angled brace 18 and may tension wires 86.

Respectfully submitted,

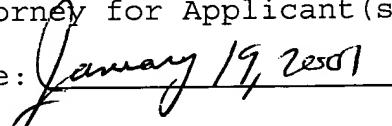


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